Focus

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Morton Grove Public Library

Read any Good Books Lately?

We have. In addition to providing research and reference information, the Adult Reader's Services and Youth Services staff are great resources for "good reads." The Library staff prepare bookmarks, displays and bibliographies highlighting books on a variety of subjects. Watch for up-coming displays and bibliographies on alternative health-care, opera, grandparenting, and back-to-school basics. The Adult Service's Department has added a bookmark listing books we expect to become bestsellers. Get your reserves in early. Whatever your interests, the Library staff can help you make an educated selection. We have the know-how, the means, and the interest to serve you. Look us up!

New computer system coming!

The Morton Grove Public Library is completing a nearly two-year-long effort to select and install a new computer system. Since Fall 1992, Library staff members have spent hundreds of hours designing specifications, reviewing vendor proposals, participating in vendor demonstrations, and visiting nearby libraries already using the systems under consideration.

The change to a new system is necessary because our present system, which is nearly ten years old (and ancient by computer standards), can't provide many new features that have become available over the last few years. In addition, the system has become very difficult and costly to maintain.

The consortium of Skokie, Deerfield, Waukegan and Morton Grove public libraries has selected Dynix as the computer system best able to meet our current and future needs. Patrons will continue to be able to access these collections via library computer terminals.

One of the most exciting new features the Dynix system provides is the availability of magazine indexes on each catalog terminal. These indexes include Health Reference Center, Magazine Index Plus and General Business File. The magazine indexes will be listed along with the usual options of searching for books by author, title, subject and keyword.

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Magazines Newspapers *Newsletters*

Check Out Our Periodicals

The Library subscribes to 316 magazines, newspapers, and newsletters. Our open stack policy permits patrons to peruse current and back issues of all the periodicals in the Library's collection. Though the most recent issue of each magazine does not circulate, back issues may be checked out. Look us up. Some of our periodicals include:

The Atlantic - a high-caliber magazine of essays, literary criticism, and excerpts from current published works.

Bottom Line/Personal: *Incorporating Privileged Information* - getting the most for your time and money from a publication aimed at busy career people who need concise, accurate information on a variety of subjects.

5 Star Investor - from Morning-Star- profiling mutual funds for individual and group investors.

House Beautiful - photographic tours of creatively decorated homes; tips on collecting antiques, selecting wines, creating elegant gardens and entertaining.

Ms. : *the world of women* - Ms. is now "editorially free with no advertising" and packed with 100 pages of interviews, book reviews, national and international news, action alerts and new departments focusing on "Ecofeminism," "Inner Space" and "Feminist Theory."

National Review: *a journal of fact and opinion* - William F. Buckley is editor emeritus of this conservative magazine covering current events with articles, editorials and political cartoons.

The New York Times, Daily & Sunday - Pulitzer Prize winning journalists cover "All the News That's Fit to Print" in this

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MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

Closed Sun. Sept. 4 & Mon. Sept 5

Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

Calendar Summary

September

9/4 & 9/5			Library Closed for Labor Day
9/6	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
9/8	Th	7:00	Grandparents as Parents
9/8	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
9/9	Fr	10:00	New Book Showcase
9/11	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Profile: *Boris Godunov*
9/12	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Widow's Peak* PG (101min)
9/13	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
9/18	Su	2:00	Concert: *Minstrels* Chamber Ensemble
9/24	Sa	10:30	Job of Searching for a Job
9/25	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Profile: *Rake's Progress*
9/27	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies

October

10/4-6	Tu-Th	4:00	Babysitting Course
10/7	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
10/8	Sa	2:00	Beat Stress Before It Beats You
10/10	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Little Buddha* PG (140min)
10/11	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
10/13	Th	7:00	Estate Planning
10/13	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
10/14	Fr	10:00	New Book Showcase
10/18	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
10/25	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
10/27	Th	7:00	Contact Lenses

For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library's Program Coordinator at 965-4220 (TDD: 965-4236).

Programs

September

Grandparents as Parents: A New Role in a Changing Society - Kathleen McGury, from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, will discuss the legal rights of grandparents. This program is co-sponsored with the Village of Morton Grove **Thurs. 9/8, 7:00pm**

Lyric Opera Profile - *Boris Godunov* - Northwestern University professor Dr. Irwin Weil, will discuss Modest Musorgsky's opera in this first in a series of profiles on the current Lyric Opera season offered by the Skokie Valley Chapter of the Lyric Opera. **Sun. 9/11, 2:00pm**

Concert - *Minstrels,* a Woodwind Chamber Ensemble playing Renaissance, classical & contemporary music **- Sun. 9/18, 2:00pm**

Job of Searching for a Job - Pat Bach of Smart Management and Human Resource Training will lead this seminar on employment techniques. **Sat. 9/24 10:30am**

Lyric Opera Profile - Rake's Progress - Dr. Ric Ashley, Professor of Music at Northwestern University will discuss Igor Stravinsky's opera **Sun. 9/25, 2:00pm**

October

Babysitting Course - co-sponsored with the Morton Grove Fire Dept, for students twelve year olds and over. **Tue, Wed. & Thur. 10/4 - 10/6, 4:00pm**

Beat Stress Before It Beats You - Dr. Ira Chislof will discuss how to recognize and eliminate stress. **Sat. 10/8 2:00pm**

Estate Planning - Tom Stiller, V.P.-Investments at Rodman & Renshaw, and estate planning attorney Mike Erde will discuss legal and investment stategies. **Thur. 10/13, 7:00pm**

47 Ways to Be Happier with Your Contact Lenses - Dr. Michael Wodis details techniques towards comfortable, safe contact lens use. **Thur. 10/27, 7:00pm**

Lunch Time Movies

Every Tuesday at 11:30am, the Morton Grove Public Library screens an hour and a half of movies covering a range of interesting topics. Bring your lunch and sit back for our travelogs, documentaries, biographies and nature films.

New Book Showcase

After a summer of wonderful book journeys, the New Book Showcase is back with a full line-up of fall highlights. Join us at 10:00am the second Friday of each month for a preview of the latest Library acquisitions. **Fri. Sept. 9** and **Fri. Oct. 14**

Films

September

Widow's Peak PG (101min) Set in Ireland in the 1920's, this witty film about a group of wealthy widows stars Mia Farrow, Joan Plowright and Natasha Richardson. **Mon. 9/12, 11:00am, 2:30pm & 7:00pm**

October

Little Buddha PG (140min) Bernardo Bertolucci directs Keanu Reeves in this movie about Siddhartha, the young prince who became the Buddha. **Mon. 10/10, 11:00am, 2:30pm & 7:00pm**

Art Exhibits

Baxter Room

September - "It Took 66 Years To Do These Paintings" representational oil paintings by Pat O'Hara.

October - "Inner Spaces" collages and constructions by Bob Magrisso.

Lobby Display Case

September - wood sculptures by Alex Slutski.

October - alluring autumn reads.

New Art Books

709.74 HAR - Harrison, Marina
Art on Site: Country Artwalks From Maine to Maryland

745.7 CAV - Cavelle, Simon
The Encyclopedia of Decorative Paint Techniques

751.494 MAR - Martin, Judy
Airbrush Artist's Library (4 Vols.) ***- Stencils & Masks***
- Graded Tones
- Highlights
- Metallic Surfaces

Kids Programs

"Book a Trip Around the World" Reading Program

Over 330 children enrolled in "Book a Trip Around the World." The Summer Reading Program Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10 at 2:00pm. All children who completed 15 reports will be awarded certificates and chances at raffle prizes. Prizes will also be presented for reports at each grade level. Children who have completed the ten special reports will receive an MGPL baseball cap.

Battle of the Books

Meets for the Battle of the Books for grades 4 - 6 will be scheduled during the months of Oct. & Nov. on Tues. & Weds. at 4:00pm in the Baxter Room.

21st Annual Children's Art Contest

The winners of our 1994 art contest are on display in the main stairwell. Art work not on display may be picked up at the Children's Desk.

Attention Teachers

Our collection of reproducible classroom materials may be checked out on a short-term basis. These materials are located in the Teacher's Corner in the reference area of the Children's Room.

Children's Classes

Fall session begins Oct. 10

Sign-up will start Sept. 12 for MG residents & Sept. 19 for non-residents.

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:

Monday	1:00 pm
Tuesday	1:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am
Thursday	6:45 pm

Class limit – 30

Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:

Thursday	10:30 am
Friday	10:30 am

Class limit – 12 children and 12 parents

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts

Grades 1-3 Mon.	4:00 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri.	4:00 pm

Class limit – 15

Creative Writing
please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

Magazines

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quality newspaper that sets the standard by which all other domestic newspapers are measured.

Nutrition Action Health Letter - basic information aimed at educating consumers with practical knowledge about nutrition. Each issue provides advice about truth in advertising and what types of foods to avoid.

Omni - strong graphics, spectacular photographs and lively overviews of current issues in the world of science and technology.

Outdoor Life - emphasizes hunting and fishing with articles about personal experiences in the field. Regional editors supply local interest stories and columns cover camping, photography and conservation.

Parental Discretion: *Movie Previews for Responsible Parents* - current movies are reviewed and assessed for offensive language, sex and violence, then rated for children according to age.

PC Novice: *the magazine for computer newcomers* - documents basic information on computer software and hardware.

Utne Reader: *the best of the alternative press* - each issue revolves around a theme, with articles excerpted from over 1,000 independent publications.

Reference Round-up

Did you know... that the White House receives an average of 75,850 pieces of correspondence a day? The average person sheds 40 lbs of skin in a lifetime? Amaze your friends and dazzle your competition with the ***Gale Book of Averages***, a tantalizing collection of above-average quality.

Calling all computer-phobes! Think a "scuzzy bus" is something you'd see at the Greyhound terminal? Want to know how you can park your drive without crashing... or getting a ticket? Are you baffled by SIMMs, RAMs and multi-tasking peripheral units?" If so try - ***Jargon: an Informal Dictionary of Computer Terms***, the one source you'll need to avoid technical embarrassment.

Is your high-schooler ready to test his or her wings? Why not encourage college explorations? Suggest a browse through ***The Complete Guide to College Visits*** for starters, or ***How to Get to the College of Your Choice***. Both give maps and detailed directions, so your scholar could be soaring in no time.

New Computer System

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With the scheduled change-over to Dynix planned for early October, the next couple of months will be busy ones for Library staff. We're confident the results will be a more capable and efficient system for both patrons and staff. We invite you to come in and try out our new computers. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to ask for assistance.

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